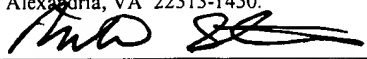




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**REQUEST FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2004.. This request extends the original due date of April 8, 2004 one (1) month to May 8, 2004.

Enclosed is the appropriate governmental fee of \$110.00 for a large entity for the extension of time for response within the first month. Any excess or insufficiency should be credited or debited to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

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Extension of the response deadline to May 8, 2004 is respectfully requested.

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